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Municipal Election Results





Town of Forest Heights

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Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad Mayor

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March 13, 2019

FOREST HEIGHTS ELECTION BOARD TALLEY SHEET

MAYORAL CANDIDATES

HABEEB-ULLAH MUHAMMAD 120 **BRIAN MCLAURIN** 36 91 LARRY M. STONER, Sr. WRITES-INS 4

WARD I CANDIDATES

25 WRITE-INS 14 WRITE-IN ROBERT BARNES ABSENTEE 0

WARD II CANDIDATES

THERESA BROWNSON 31 32 CYNTHIA MANN WRITES-INS 0 **ABSENTEE**

WARD III CANDIDATES

TAUNYA HINES 62 44 PAULA NOBLE 6 WRITE-INS ABSENTEE 12

Certification of the March 13, 2019 Mayor & Council Election

CHIEF JUDGE: MR. FREDDIE COLSTON **ELECTION BOARD:** MRS. ELAINE PIPPINS MRS. EMMA ROWELL

MRS. VERONICA SPEARS

MRS. SHERLETTA HAWKINS, TOWN CLERK **ELECTION LIAISON:**

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News from the Town Administrator

ADMINISTRATION ADVOCATES FOR THE TOWN

The Town of Forest Heights is advocating on behalf of its residents, and working to provide the funds and services they need. Here are some highlights from our month of advocacy:

- Mayor Muhammad visited with Maryland State Senator Patterson (top right) and State
 Delegate Turner (bottom right) to discuss Local Impact Grant Fund revenue from casinos
 for Forest Heights. The funding would be used to offset impacts like traffic and public
 safety issues connected to the casino and improve services and fund projects for the
 town. Pending legislation is currently before both the house and senate.
- Mayor Muhammad attended Prince Georges' County Executive Angela Alsobrooks'
 Breakfast held February 21st. The municipal mayors were invited to discuss how the
 County and municipalities can work together to address issues of concern and facilitate
 needed partnerships for success.











CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS.

This year, the Town of Forest Heights welcomes old and new faces to the offices of the Mayor and Town Council. Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad was sworn in as Mayor. The newly elected officials were sworn in on Wednesday, March 20th, at the Mayor/council Town meeting. Councilman Robert Barnes was elected for Ward I, Councilwoman Cynthia Mann was elected for Ward II, and Councilwomen Taunya Hines and Paula Noble were elected for Ward III.









Town Community News

Join the Town of Forest Heights

Volunteer to remove trash from Oxon Run!!

We Need ... YOUR HELP!

Town of Forest Heights
5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745
Saturday, April 20, 2019 | 9:00 A.M.-12:00 noon.

Call 301-839-1030 for more information

Contact: Ms. Kathleen Via

Cleanup Happens RAIN OR SHINE!

Bring sturdy boots and dress in layers.

Bring gloves if you have them. Community Service Hours will be given to students.

Light Refreshments will be provided.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

FREE SHREDDING DAY



The Town of Forest Heights will be hosting Free Shredding Day on **SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019** from 9AM-12PM at the Town Hall Municipal Building. Come shred your unwanted documents. Cardboard, 3 ring binders,

magazines and accordion files are **NOT ACCEPTABLE.**

REMINDER: APRIL 15 THRU APRIL 20, 2019 IS FOREST HEIGHTS CLEAN-UP WEEK. FREE DUMPSTER USAGE FOR RESIDENTS ONLY MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at TOWN HALL. RESIDENTS MUST PRESENT PROOF OF RESIDENCY AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING TO USE THE DUMPSTER. NO COMMERCIAL DUMPING.

CALL FOR ENTRANTS: COUNTY BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST



In 2018, 4 residents were recognized by the Prince Georges County Beautification Committee for their excellence in gardening and landscape design. We are delighted that they have been rewarded for helping to make Forest Heights, and Prince George's County, beautiful.

Prince George's County is holding the 2019 Beautification contest for homes, communities, and commercial properties. Do you have a beautiful home, or want to nominate someone? Then pick up an application at the Municipal Building. We will submit applications on behalf of residents. Applications are due by May 30th, 2019.



Town Ordinances

MAYOR AND COUNCIL THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS ORDINANCE NO. 01–19

Introduced By: Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND REVISING ARTICLE 15 (PARKING AND TRAFFIC) OF THE TOWN ORDINANCE CODE, BY CHANGING, AMENDING, OR RE-ADOPTING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF SAID ARTICLE INCLUDING SECTION 15.2 (DEFINITIONS) TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF AN ABANDONED VEHICLE TO INCLUDE AN UNREGISTERED OR IMPROPERLY REGISTERED VEHICLE THAT HAS REMAINED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY FOR ANY PERIOD OF TIME; TO AMEND SECTION 15.3.2 (PARKING AND TRUCK RESTRICTION) TO CLARIFY THAT UNREGISTERED OR INVALIDLY REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES ARE PROHIBITED FOR ANY PERIOD OF TIME; AND TO AMEND AND CLARIFY SECTION 15.7 (TOWING, IMMOBILIZING AND IMPOUNDING; RIGHT TO HEARING) TO AUTHORIZE THAT A VEHICLE, ILLEGALLY PARKED AND CITED AS SUCH, HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY SUBJECTED TO TWO OR MORE UNPAID PARKING AND DELINQUENT CITATIONS ISSUED BY THE TOWN MAY BE TOWED AND IMPOUNDED; AND GENERALLY RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF TRAFFIC AND PARKING WITHIN THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS.

UNA ORDENANZA DEL ALCALDE Y EL CONSEJO DE LA CIUDAD DE FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND REVISANDO EL ARTÍCULO 15 (ESTACIONAMIENTO Y TRÁFICO) DEL CÓDIGO DE ORDENANZA DE LA CIUDAD, AL CAMBIAR, ENMENDAR O READOPTAR CIERTAS DISPOSICIONES DE ESTE ARTÍCULO INCLUYE LA SECCIÓN 15.2 (DEFINICIÓN) MODIFICAR LA DEFINICIÓN DE UN VEHÍCULO ABANDONADO PARA INCLUIR UN VEHÍCULO NO REGISTRADO O INSCRITO INCORRECTAMENTE QUE HA ESTADO EN LA PROPIEDAD PÚBLICA POR CUALQUIER PERÍODO DE TIEMPO; PARA MODIFICAR LA SECCIÓN 15.3.2 (RESTRICCIÓN DE ESTACIONAMIENTO Y CAMIONES) PARA ACLARAR QUE LOS VEHÍCULOS DE MOTOR NO REGISTRADOS O INVALIDAMENTE REGISTRADOS ESTÁN PROHIBIDOS POR CUALQUIER PERÍODO DE TIEMPO; Y PARA MODIFICAR Y CLARIFICAR LA SECCIÓN 15.7 (REMOLQUE, IMMOBILIZACIÓN E IMPOUNDACIÓN; DERECHO A AUDICIÓN) PARA AUTORIZAR QUE UN VEHÍCULO, ESTACIONADO Y CELEBALIZADO COMO TAL CÁLCULO, CÁLCULO, INDEPENDIENTE, ESTÁ PREVISTO, ESTÁ PREVISTO A DOS O MÁS ANEXOS REMOLQUE E IMPONERSE; Y GENERALMENTE RELACIONADO CON EL REGLAMENTO DEL TRÁFICO Y EL APARCAMIENTO DENTRO DE LA CIUDAD DE BOSQUES FORESTALES.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 02-19

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND AMENDING ARTICLE 19 (STREETS AND SIDEWALKS), AND BY SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 19.20 (STREET CONSTRUCTION, UTILITY CUTS AND IMPROVEMENTS); BY ADDING DEFINITIONS RELATING TO WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AND REQUIRING A PERMIT FOR SUCH INSTALLATIONS WITH CERTAIN STANDARDS FOR THEIR PLACEMENT; BY REQUIRING CERTAIN DEADLINES FOR PERMIT REVIEW CONSISTENT WITH FEDERAL LAW; BY DEFINING SUBSTANTIAL AND MINOR CHANGES TO EXISTING FACILITIES WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS; BY AUTHORIZING CERTAIN FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR CERTAIN PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND USE OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY; REQUIRING APPLICANTS OR USERS TO INDEMNIFY THE TOWN AND COMPLY WITH OTHER RELEVANT LAWS; AND BY MAKING OTHER GRAMMATICAL AND STYLISTIC CHANGES TO SAID SECTION OF THE TOWN CODE; AND GENERALLY RELATING TO THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF TOWN STREETS AND SIDEWALKS.

UNA ORDENANZA DE EMERGENCIA DEL ALCALDE Y EL CONSEJO DE LA CIUDAD DE FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND QUE MODIFICA EL ARTÍCULO 19 (CALLES Y ESCENARIOS), Y QUE MODIFICA ESPECÍFICAMENTE LA SECCIÓN 19.20 (CONSTRUCCIÓN DE CALLE, CORTES Y MEJORAS DE SERVICIOS); AL AGREGAR DEFINICIONES RELACIONADAS CON LAS INSTALACIONES DE TELECOMUNICACIONES INALÁMBRICAS Y QUE REQUIERE UN PERMISO PARA DICHAS INSTALACIONES CON CIERTOS ESTÁNDARES PARA SU COLOCACIÓN; REQUERIENDO CIERTOS PLAZOS PARA LA REVISIÓN DE PERMISOS CONSISTENTE CON LA LEY FEDERAL; AL DEFINIR CAMBIOS SUSTANCIALES Y MENORES A LAS INSTALACIONES EXISTENTES CON ALGUNOS REQUISITOS; AUTORIZANDO CIERTAS CUOTAS QUE DEBEN SER CARGADAS POR CIERTAS SOLICITUDES DE PERMISO Y USO DE LA DERECHA; REQUERIENDO A LOS SOLICITANTES O USUARIOS PARA INDEMNIZAR LA CIUDAD Y CUMPLIR CON OTRAS LEYES PERTINENTES; Y HACIENDO OTROS CAMBIOS GRAMATICOS Y ESTILISTAS EN LA SECCIÓN DICHA DEL CÓDIGO DE LA CIUDAD; Y GENERALMENTE RELACIONADO CON EL REGLAMENTO Y CONTROL DE LAS CALLES Y LAS LUCES DE LA CIUDAD.

Town Community News (continued)

FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR SERVICE FEBRUARY 2019

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911 DISCONNECT	37	SUSPICIOUS PERSON (s)
ACCIDENT		SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	5	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE (occupied)
ARMED PERSON	1	THEFT FROM AUTO
ASSAULT	1	THEFT FROM JO
BREAK IN IN PROGRESS	1	THEFT REPORT
BREAK IN REPORT	1	TRAFFIC COMPLAINT
CDS COMPLAINT	7	TRAFFIC HAZARD
CHECK WELFARE	7	UNKNOWN TROUBLE
CHECK WELFARE COMBINED	5	VANDALISM
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	16	Total Calls Handled:
DOMESTIC	2	
FAMILY DISPUTE	2	
FRAUD	1	
GUNSHOTS	1	
HIT AND RUN	4	
LOCK OUT	1	
MISC. INCIDENTS	11	
NOISE COMPLAINT	1	
OVERDOSE BLS COMBINED	1	San Strain
PREMISE CHECK	114	SEMON AND
REPORTED CIT ROBBERY	1	
RESIDENTIAL ALARM	5	77
RESIDENTIAL PANIC ALARM	2	

POLICE STATION

5508 ARAPAHOE DRIVE

This Station is Open to the Public Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

301-839-4040

(Emergency) 911 (Non-Emergency) (301) 352-1200



WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE STILL AVAILABLE

The Town of Forest Heights, as part of the Prince George's County Municipal Collaboration, is offering free weatherization upgrades to qualifying homeowners. Qualification is based on income level. Veterans/Retired homeowners will be given

ROBBERY SUBJECT STOP

preference. To find out more about the program and how to apply, visit the Municipal Building to pickup a brochure during normal business hours Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

Number of People	Owner(s) Only Annual	Number of People	Owner(s) Only Annual
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3	\$89,700.00	4 🗷	\$99,600.00
5	\$107,600.00	6	\$115,600.00
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VENDORS AND PARADE PARTICIPANTS WANT-ED!



The Town of Forest Heights is looking for participants for our annual Forest Heights Day Festival. We hope that you will join us for an afternoon of excellent music, exciting games and delicious food. Forest Heights Day is Saturday, August 3, 2019 from 11:00AM -4:00PM at Tayac Park,

rain or shine. The day will begin with a parade at 10AM beginning at Bell Acre's Park on North Huron Drive and ending at Tayac Park on Ottawa Street. We welcome residents and guests to check out our community celebration. Food vendors, non-food vendors, small businesses and non-profits are encouraged to apply. We are asking if vendors would provide their own tables, chairs, and tent. We are accepting vendor applications until July 19, 2019. Email kvia@forestheightsmd.gov for more information. We look forward to having you with us!

PEPCO SCAM ALERT!

Pepco is warning its customers about a scam involving prepaid "Green Dot MoneyPak" card. Callers claiming to represent Pepco are contacting customers telling them their electric service is scheduled to be shut off and they should make a payment by purchasing one of these cards.PEPCO WILL NOT CALL YOU TO CUT OFF YOUR ELECTRIC.

Pepco advierte a sus clientes sobre una estafa relacionada con la tarjeta prepaga "Green Dot MoneyPak". Las personas que llaman que representan a Pepco se comunican con los clientes para informarles que su servicio eléctrico está programado para el apagado y que deben realizar un pago al comprar una de estas tarjetas.

PEPCO NO LE LLAMARÁ A CORTAR SU ELECTRICIDAD.

Town Community News (Health and Senior News)

Are you doing all you can for your health?

Seniors Exercise Classes Mondays and Wednesdays. Class Begins at 12:00 noon. Free for residents.





We regret to inform you of the passing of Mrs. Faye Rainey, on November 29, 2018. Our condolences are with the family at this time.

Mayor, Council and Staff

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NOT RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER?

If you or someone you know has not or is not receiving the Newsletter, call

> 301-839-1030 or email kvia@forestheightsmd.gov. You can also view the newsletters online at forestheightsmd.gov.



FOREST HEIGHTS HEALTHY HEIGHTS APRIL SEMINAR: CPR

The Town of Forest Heights will be hosting its next Healthy Heights Seminar on Monday, April 8, 2019 on CPR Application, in a discussion and lunch led by Officer Paige. Our seminar series is free to attend, we ask that you call 301-839-1030 so that we can provide enough lunch for everyone.



FOREST HEIGHTS HEALTHY HEIGHTS FEBRUARY SEMINAR: AED DEMONSTRATION



On Monday, February 11, 2019, the Forest Heights Police Department gave a presentation on AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) use as part of the Healthy Heights Seminar program. We had a great turnout, and hope to keep offering classes that enrich and educate the community. Thanks Officer Paige and Chief Rease for your informative session.



MARCH SEMINAR: DOCTOR'S VISITS



The Town of Forest Heights held its March seminar on **Doctor's visits** on **Monday, March 10, 2019** from 1-2PM. Thanks Ms. Annette Solomon for your helpful presentation. Here are a few tips to remember both before and during your doctor's visit:

- 1. Gather all your medications. 2. Make sure you have all your insurance cards.
- 3. ASK QUESTIONS! Do you understand every word the doctor is using? Don't be afraid to ask what that word means—it show that you are invested in your heath!
- 4. Be very specific when describing how you are feeling.

Community News and Upcoming Events

REMINDER: FOREST HEIGHTS TRASH AND RECYCLING

The Town of Forest Heights would like to issue a reminder about regulations concerning trash and recycling pickup. Trash must be placed in the proper container. There should not be any trash bags sitting beside or on top of the trash can. Carts should be put out the night before collection. Construction debris, appliances, soil and liquids (as examples) are not acceptable. Failure to adhere to these rules will result in your trash not being picked up



and a citation. Yard Waste must be in a brown bag, in a container specifically marked Yard Waste, or, if it is brush, should be bundled and not exceed 4 feet in length. Hazardous materials should be taken to the Prince George's County Brown Station Road Sanitary Landfill in Upper Marlboro. Bulk Trash Pickup is on Thursdays, and must be 3 non-metal items or less.

METAL PICK-UP: Metal placed on the curb will be picked up by Public Works for a minimum of \$35.00 (paid in advance)

Propane Tank Pick-ups are \$30 each: Tires \$15.00 each





REMINDER: PET WASTE STATIONS IN FOREST HEIGHTS

The Town of Forest Heights has installed Pet Waste Stations along walkways and roads throughout Town. These stations come with waste bags and a place to put it. It is important to keep the Town free of Pet

Waste. It causes disease and bacteria to pollute streams and beaches. We ask that everyone do their part in keeping Forest Heights a Green community. Further information is available at the Municipal Building.

We will be giving out free retractable leashes with scoop bags at Forest Heights Day to encourage residents to make use of the Pet Waste Stations.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN FOREST HEIGHTS

The Town of Forest Heights will be hosting its annual Kids to Parks Day for residents on Saturday,
 May 18th, 2019 from
 12-4PM. The event will be at Bell Acres Park on 197
 North Huron Drive. We will have games, snacks, outdoor fun and face painting. Free
 Admission. If you would like.



Admission. If you would like to volunteer, call 301-839-1030. We hope to see you there!



U.S. Department of Commerce Economics and Statistics Administratio U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

For more info, please call

866.564.5420

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Bilingual/Multi-lingual also needed

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Local Forest Heights

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Town Community News (continued)

NOTICE FROM WSSC: Bill Changes July 1, 2019

As part of several new initiatives to improve and modernize the way we approach customer service, we are implementing a simplified rate structure expected July 1, 2019. The new four-tier structure will replace the current 16-tier structure, which has been in place for more than 25 years.

What is the difference between a rate structure and water/sewer rates?

A rate structure is **how** you are charged for water/sewer.

The **amount** charged for water/sewer is the rate.

How will the new rate structure impact my bill?

For most customers, the new rate structure won't make much of a difference on your WSSC bill. In fact, some customers may see a slight decrease in their bills. This is because all customers will be charged for water use within each tier instead of for all water use at the highest tier, which is how customers are charged under the current structure. This makes how we charge for water more fair. The new rate structure also promotes conservation – helping to save you money by encouraging wise water use.

Additional information available on https://www.wsscwater.com/billchanges.

Water & Sewer Rate Structure					
Gallons Per Day	Rate Per 1,000 Gallons				
0-80	\$11.89				
81-165	\$13.30				
166-275	\$16.09				
>275	\$20.26				

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Phone (301) 839-1030 Fax (301) 839-9236 8:30a.m.—5:00 p.m. www.forestheightsmd.gov

Information Line: (240)-493-6998

Forest Heights Notary

9 am -12:30 pm, 1:30 pm-4-:30 pm Monday - Friday

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